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## PRESIDENT MAY BE CALLED UPON TO END FRICTION

Serious Differences in Departments Over Conduct of Plot Cases.

### VON NUBER AS AN ISSUE

His Name in Trial Starts Dispute Between State and Justice Heads.

### THINKS RETRACTION IS DUE

State Officials Said to Feel Grave Injustice Has Been Done Austrian Consul.

The differences of opinion between executive departments of the government as the result of the various investigations into alleged bomb plots and neutrality violations last night overshadowed all other developments in these cases. So serious have the conflicts become that it was hinted last night President Wilson may take a personal hand in settling the matter.

Briefly the disputes are: First. Between the Treasury and Justice departments because members of the Secret Service Bureau of the Treasury Department were alleged to have overstepped their authority.

Second. Between the State and Justice departments because the latter issued a statement for publication naming Austrian Consul General von Nuber and his associates in connection with evidence alleged to have been uncovered in bomb plot cases.

Third—Between the State and Justice departments because Assistant United States District Attorney Wood in New York made the charge in court that Capt. Boy-Ed, German naval attaché, was the head of a conspiracy to deceive the United States.

### Agree to Work Together.

Attorney General Gregory and McAdoo settled the first dispute by issuing a joint statement that hereafter the agents of the Treasury Department would work in conjunction with the Department of Justice.

The two clashes between the State and Justice departments have not been cleared up. Relations between the departments last night appeared to be considerably strained.

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## GIVES CITY FOUNTAIN AFTER SUIT IS LOST

Chocolate Millionaire Forced to Pay Sculptor \$21,000 for "Dance of Eternal Spring."

Special to The Washington Herald.

Harrisburg, Pa., Nov. 24.—Giuseppe Donato, a sculptor of Philadelphia, was awarded \$21,000 tonight by a jury of the Dauphin County Court. The judgment was in payment for a fountain entitled, "The Dance of Eternal Spring," made by him for M. S. Hershey, millionaire chocolate manufacturer.

Hershey immediately made a cash settlement with Donato and gave the fountain to the city.

## BEERBOHM TREE ARRIVES.

English Actor Here to Make Debut in Movies.

New York, Nov. 24.—Among the 511 passengers who braved the storm and floating mine perils aboard the Holland-American liner Ryndam, which reached this port today, was Sir Herbert Beerbohm Tree, the noted English actor-manager, who has come to America to make his debut in the "movies."

Sir Herbert was accompanied by his daughter, Miss Irene Tree. Miss Tree is not an actress, but will accompany her father to California and witness his first appearance in the unspoken drama.

## BIG ARMY FOR BALKANS.

England and France to Send 600,000 Men to Serbia's Aid.

London, Nov. 24.—England and France intend to put an army of 600,000 men in the Balkans for the salvation of Serbia.

The Anglo-French war committees have agreed to prosecute the most vigorous campaign possible against the Austro-Hungarian, German, and Bulgarian armies.

Gen. Joffre, the French commander-in-chief has counseled England to put every available man in the field, and meanwhile France is doing the same thing.

Hard fighting may be expected all winter amidst the bleak and desolate mountain wastes of Serbia.

## CALL GREECE TO ACCOUNT

Allies Demand She Promptly Define Attitude Toward Entente Powers

FRIENDLY, BUT FIRM NOTE, PRESENTED BY MINISTERS

"Not So Exacting as Expected," Is Athens Statement, Following Cabinet Meeting.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

Athens, Nov. 24.—Greece has been called on to define without delay her attitude toward the allies. The demand was made in a collective note from the entente ministers to Premier Theodoris, who immediately called his cabinet in council.

The note is expressed in a friendly spirit, but is decidedly firm in tone. It requests the Greek government to confirm the assurance already expressed relative to the position of the allies' forces on Greek soil and asks for the earliest reply possible.

Among the specified demands is freedom of movement for the allied forces in Macedonia, "without the interposition of obstacles of any kind."

After the cabinet meeting, Greek ministers said the situation had been cleared by presentation of the note which gave the government definite information as to what the allies expected. The demands, the ministers said, were less exacting than they had anticipated.

Prior to the presentation of the note, its substance, if not its terms, were discussed at a luncheon given by King Constantine in honor of Demis Cochis, member of the French cabinet. M. Cochis' views were favorably received by the King and no doubt appears to exist that the Greek government will supply all the guarantees requested.

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## Ford Will Open 'Peace Office'

Gives \$20,000 to Start the Inquiry "Why Prepare for War?"

New York, Nov. 24.—Henry Ford, millionaire manufacturer and peace advocate, who has chartered a steamer to convey a delegation of international prominent pacifists to Europe, said tonight:

"Part of the plan is to investigate this preparedness business from the unpreparedness side. I have just agreed to give Oswald G. Villard \$20,000 to open an office in Washington to start an inquiry. He is going to try to find out why they want preparedness."

He was asked if he opposed the President's preparedness policy.

"The only stand I intend to take on national defense is what I have just stated. Mr. Villard is going to ascertain what Congressmen want defense, what defense they want, and why they want it."

When asked if he expected to participate actively in the defense inquiry, Mr. Ford replied: "I certainly am—just as soon as I come back after the war is over. Our fight for peace isn't such a tremendous task. We haven't got a big crowd to fight. Only 1 per cent of the world is opposed to us. Ninety-nine per cent are with us."

"I will give my last penny to bring peace," Mr. Ford concluded, "and if necessary I will borrow money. I can make a living any time."

## NEW YORK SOCIALIST WANTS WAR TO STOP

Representative Meyer London Will Introduce Resolution in Congress Asking President to Intervene.

Representative Meyer London, of New York, the only Socialist member of the House, last night announced that his first official act would be the introduction of a joint resolution calling upon the President to invite the nonbelligerent nations to convene a neutral congress which shall appeal to the belligerents to terminate the present war.

The resolution will broadly outline the terms of what Representative London thinks would be a durable peace. These terms include:

First—The evacuation of invaded territory.

Second—The liberation of oppressed nationalities.

Third—A plebiscite by the populations of Alsace-Lorraine, Finland, and Poland as to their allegiance or independence.

Fourth—Freedom of the seas.

Fifth—Political and civic emancipation of the Jewish people, with the removal of all disabilities wherever such exist.

Sixth—Gradual concerted disarmament.

Seventh—Establishment of an international court of arbitration, with the commercial boycott as a means of punishment for disobedience.

## Says Operation Would Kill Baby

Doctors Disagree While New York Defective Lies Gasping.

Special to The Washington Herald.

New York, Nov. 24.—The life of the one-day-old Roberts baby, born deformed and paralyzed, hangs in the balance while medical and surgical experts debate as to whether an operation should be performed.

Dr. L. Emmett Holt, famous child specialist and head physician of the Babies' Hospital, examined the gasping little of humanity late this afternoon. He stated positively that no operation would be performed immediately.

"The child would undoubtedly die if it were put under the knife now," said Mr. Holt. "The case is unusually acute, and there is little hope of recovery."

Maurice Rosenberg, also an eminent child expert and a visiting surgeon at the Babies' Hospital, took issue with Dr. Holt's diagnosis.

"The life of a human being is involved as it was in Chicago. That is the big, the essential parallel," said Dr. Rosenberg. "Every effort should be made to save the life. There are about two chances to one against recovery."

Dr. Holt was interviewed after he had examined the Roberts baby.

One Commander Idea Rejected.

London, Nov. 24.—The suggestion that all the forces on the western front be placed under one commander has been rejected. It was announced in the House of Commons today by Premier Asquith.

## Wilson Pleads for Red Cross On Eve of Thanksgiving Day

His Appeal for Contributions Recites Good Done for Helpless in Strife-torn Europe and Says Work Cannot Continue Without Additional Funds.

On the eve of Thanksgiving Day, President Wilson issued from the White House an urgent appeal to the American public to renew and redouble their efforts to alleviate, through contributions to the American Red Cross, the untold suffering which prevails in the vast area of Europe's great war. The appeal follows:

"The day is at hand on which we bend our thoughts toward a consideration of the blessings of peace and security. Inevitably, the contemplation of our own good fortune must bring sharply to mind the anguish and the loss which lie, an intolerable and crushing burden, upon the bodies and souls of our neighbors across the seas. Our country has poured out generously of its sympathy and its means in behalf of those who suffer because of the war. But the harvest of death and desolation is not ended and our sympathy must not yet withdraw its hand."

"The American Red Cross, through whose instrumentality hundreds of thousands of our people have been enabled to give substantial expression to their pity for those who have fallen under the stroke of war, is nearing the exhaustion of its resources. Into its war relief fund it has received, in round sum \$1,600,000.

## Left to Die in Road by Autoist

Harry A. Latimer, of Drummond, Md., Sustains Fatal Hurts When Run Down.

Hit by a speeding autoist, whose identity has not been learned, Harry A. Latimer, 46, of Drummond, Md., was found late yesterday afternoon lying unconscious in the road near his home. He died at Georgetown University Hospital at 2 o'clock this morning. His leg and right arm were broken, his skull fractured, his body bruised, and he was injured internally.

Latimer was discovered by two colored boys. He was lying not far from his home, which is just across the District line in Maryland. The youngsters stopped an automobile containing Charles G. Dorn, of 306 K street northeast, and H. E. Andrews, of 2231 Chester street southeast, and told them of their discovery. The automobilists, who were driving to Frederick, hurried to the house of the injured man in their machine. In his only lucid moment last night, Mr. Latimer said he was unable to give details of the accident.

The injured man was a brother of Lee D. Latimer, president of the F. H. Smith Company, real estate brokerage firm, at 1515 Fifteenth street northwest. He was unmarried and had been living with his brother.

Stops Iron Ore and Cotton Exports.

London, Nov. 24.—The exportation of iron ore, cotton, wool and cotton wool from Great Britain has been prohibited. An announcement to this effect appears in the Official Gazette tonight.

## YOUNG BELMONT MINUS FINGER.

Was Patient at Emergency Hospital After Fall from Horse.

Raymond Belmont, son of August Belmont, is minus the ring finger of his right hand as a result of injuries received when he was thrown from a horse at the Piedmont Horse Show.

Young Belmont was hurled heavily to the ground when his horse balked at the Liverpool. His right arm was seriously hurt and for a time it was thought amputation of his hand would be necessary.

He was brought to Washington and was a patient at the Emergency Hospital for a week, but has returned to Middleboro, Va., where he is the guest of Mrs. Tyler and Miss Caroline Hurlburt.

## WILL REFUTE D. C. SLANDERS

Report of Select Committee to Declare District Victimized by Untruths.

CITIZENS ALWAYS FEARFUL OF CONGRESS, SAYS MEMBER

Reiteration of False Charges Against Taxpayers Had Much to Do with Opposition in Congress.

By JOSEPH P. AXXIN.

A positive refutation of the slanders and distortions of fact which have characterized attacks upon the District by certain members of Congress in the past four years will be an important feature of the report of the Select Committee of Congress, which recently completed public hearings on the fiscal relations between the District and the Federal government.

While members of the committee, with the exception of Senator Works, have guarded carefully any conclusions they may have formed as to the all-important half-and-half question, they have let it be known that they deplore pointedly the misinformation and, in some cases, the malicious misstatements by which Congress has been influenced.

The report probably will not only carry a refutation of these constantly reiterated untruths, but may even declare that the District has been victimized by a systematically conducted campaign of falsification.

It is not impossible that the hostile influences in the House District Committee will be severely repudiated by implication.

Democracy Present Conditions.

"One of the most unfortunate features of the question," declared a member of the committee yesterday, "is the feeling of uneasiness and fear of the action of Congress, which seemed to characterize the attitude of District citizens who appeared before the committee. It appears that, in many instances, citizens representing District interests have been unable to obtain fair and courteous consideration from national legislators. I have made some inquiries and I believe this attitude is justified in many respects. Such a condition is not fair to the District and it is not fair to the nation."

This member declared that no doubt the constant reiteration of false charges against District taxpayers, and the plausible reports issued apparently upon established facts and never authoritatively refuted prior to the recent investigation, had had much to do with the attitude of members of Congress toward District interests.

Whether the report favors the retention of the half-and-half plan, or suggests some other system for the administration of District revenues and expenditures, it will authoritatively refute the famous "George report" on assessment and taxation, and a number of false and misleading statements made on the floor of the House and Senate as the result of the George and other reports.

## FALL TO DEATH IN FIGHT.

White and Colored Men Drop Twelve Stories.

New York, Nov. 24.—Locked in each other's arms, each striving to obtain the mastery, a white man and a colored man fell twelve stories to their death in the building at 125 West Twenty-seventh street today.

The bodies of both were crushed and indicated that they had been dead several hours when found.

The police believe that the white man was caught robbing a shop on the twelfth floor by the colored man, Robert Green, an elevator operator. In the struggle which followed the men awayed into the elevator shaft and fell to the bottom. Burglars' tools were found at the pit of the shaft beneath the bodies.

Green had been employed in the building for several years and was thoroughly trusted.

## SAYS ROOT IS BEST MAN.

Prof. Taft Reiterates His Preference for Republican Nomination.

Rochester, N. Y., Nov. 24.—"Yes, I am for Root," declared former President Taft, at the Genesee Valley Club today. "I believe he is the best-equipped man in the country for the Presidency. I have said so ever since I had the first opportunity to judge of his qualifications."

"There is absolutely no uncertainty about my attitude. I have expressed my opinion of Mr. Root every time I have had a chance, and I intend to express it as often as I can. I believe he is the very best man in sight."

## ENTIRE ALLIED FORCES TO RUSH FROM TURKEY FOR DRIVE IN SERBIA

Premier Asquith's Promise of "Surprises" in the Balkans Thought to Mean Sudden Shift of Dardanelles Troops.

## MEN NOW LANDING AT SALONIKI

King Peter's Main Army, at Bay and Strongly Entrenched, Expected to Hold Out Against Double Advance by Invaders.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

London, Nov. 24.—It is believed here tonight that the entire British and French expedition at the Dardanelles may be withdrawn to the aid of Serbia.

A member of the Serbian government is quoted in news reports today to the effect that Premier Asquith has promised speedily aid to Britain's Balkan ally. Early "surprises" in the Balkans are said to have been pledged.

In confirmation of these reports a news agency announcement says that more troops are being landed at Saloniki. Four heavily loaded transports are reported to have arrived there. Bulgarian prisoners are being sent from the front to Saloniki.

## SCHOOL CHILD ENDS HER LIFE

Little Ruth Fischer Driven to Act by Taunts of Playmates.

TOLD HER SHE DIDN'T KNOW NAMES OF HER OWN PARENTS

Worried by School Tests and Rebuked by Companions, She Shoots Herself with Foster Father's Pistol.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Chicago, Nov. 24.—Torture drove little Ruth Fischer to fire into her brain the bullet that blotted out her life—torture none the less because it was inflicted by a grown-up system of school examinations, a grown-up school discipline and a grown-up love of malicious gossip which was indulged before other children and betrayed to them that Ruth was an adopted child.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Fischer of Cicero, Ruth's adopted parents, after trying in vain to believe that Ruth was murdered or that she had killed herself by accident, admitted today that they are at last convinced she deliberately took her own life.

Ruth had been rebuked by her teacher before the whole school and she feared that she had failed to pass the examination in arithmetic. She considered that this would bring disgrace on her foster father, because he is a member of the school board.

Worked Hard for Test.

For weeks Ruth had been crying in secret over the taunts that other children, inspired by their elders, had been flinging at her that she was an adopted child and did not know her own parents. But the crowning sorrow came at the Sherwood School, which she attended.

The test in arithmetic meant life or death to her. There were three problems and to make even a mark of 90 she must solve two of them correctly. She worked and worked over them and finally took her paper to her teacher.

Later, sitting at her seat and worrying over the problems, she thought she recalled a mistake in one problem and went to her teacher's desk to ask for the paper that she might make a correction. It was refused and she was told that, as the paper had been turned in, it could not be changed. Ruth, flung lightness of heart and danced down the aisle. "This is not a dancing school, Ruth," exclaimed the teacher. "If you want to dance, you must go to a dancing hall. Walk to your seat!"

On the way home, Ruth said to Ethel Greenfield, a chum: "You needn't bring any lunch for me tomorrow, Ethel; I'm going to shoot myself tonight."

Last night, Ruth went out on the lawn with her dachshund Fritz, and shot herself with her foster father's revolver.

## CLICKS AWAY AT MESSAGE.

Wilson May Get It Out with Old Typewriter by Today.

President Wilson worked late last night on his antiquated typewriter on his annual message to Congress in the hope that he would have it ready for the Public Printer today. His Thanksgiving Day program is largely dependent upon the progress he makes toward the completion of the document.

Public Printer Cresswell Ford called at the White House yesterday to receive the sixty-second Congress, defining Adam Byrd, and was re-elected to the Sixty-third Congress over three opponents.

## Representative Witherspoon Dead.

Meridian, Miss., Nov. 24.—Representative Samuel A. Witherspoon, of the fifth Mississippi district, died at his home this evening. He was elected to the Sixty-second Congress, defeating Adam Byrd, and was re-elected to the Sixty-third Congress over three opponents.

## NEW CURE FOR WAR FOUND BY G. B. SHAW

Have Minister of Peace in Every Country and Shoot Him if War Occurs.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

London, Nov. 24.—George Bernard Shaw has a new cure for war. He outlined it as follows in a lecture tonight:

"All wars are bound to stimulate militarism. There is no hope in a pacifism that is merely a negation of war. In the future pacifism must be militant. More than that, it must be constructive."

"Instead of a minister of war we want a minister of peace. That minister should be the strongest figure in the cabinet of any country and it should be understood that immediately war broke out the minister of peace should be shot."

"This war," Shaw continued, "was not the fault of Germany. It was the fault of the democrats and socialists of this country. Western democracy has not done its duty."

Discussing what would follow the war, Mr. Shaw suggested a league of Western civilization from the Rockies to the Carpathians organized on a democratic basis.

## VON BUELOW AT ZURICH.

Meets Cardinal Hartmann and Prussian Minister Von Muehlberg.

London, Nov. 24.—Reuter dispatch from Zurich says that Cardinal Hartmann, archbishop of Cologne, and Dr. Von Muehlberg, Prussian minister to the Vatican, have arrived there. Prince von Buelow arrived from Lucerne this morning and joined the party.

It is reported that Prince von Buelow was on a peace mission for the Kaiser. He had denied this, however, but the rumor still persists.